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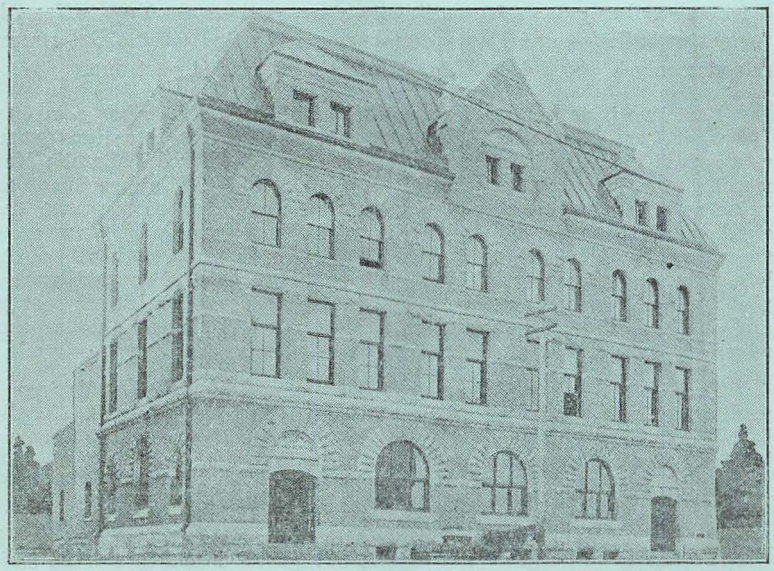

Brandon, Manitoba, Post Office as it appeared about the turn of the century. Who can furnish us the date of its erection? A modern new building houses the present Brandon Post Office.

A. L. McCready, Publisher, • Cobden, Ontario, Canada

"HOW CAN I LOSE?"

Another enthusiastic subscriber to my Mailing List Service, after one look at the preliminary overture, gave his opinion as above.

Probably fifty thousand pairs of eyes will scan these words and murmur with varying degrees of accent and culture "So what!"

Quite right. After all, all this language may be just the unual high pressure salesmanship to unload nothing in particular for something concrete, and when that something concrete happens to be a substantial dollar bill, one naturally pauses and looks for a reasonable explanation.

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Part three is an anticlimax but it alone pays for the suffering of wading through so many words plus the shock of parting with a dollar bill. Each subcriber also gets a stamp or stamps that by any sensible idea of valuation alone are worth far more than one dollar!

Now read the title of this piece once again.

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In the 1935 issue has just been found.

Scott's number 227.

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The Third Page

Popular Stamps

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Vahan Mozian, veteran New York stamp dealer, who handled many important collections at auction, passed away July 15, 1945, aged 73 years.

Toronto Stamp Collectors Club September 21st meeting features the presentation of the Walter S. Bayley Trophy for the best "Side Line" collection of the year. Entries are to be shown and judged at this meeting.

P.O. SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

by Walter Purkis.

6079 West Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C.

No Post Office cachet was used at the Calgary Exhibition this year but the same Special Exhibition Postmark was used as in previous years. The only other Exhibition Postmark noted to date and not mentioned previously is from Quebec, same as used in previous years.

STAMP OUT / SYPHILLIS / IN / SASKATCHEWAN. We are now able to give the COMPLETE list for this Slogan in the order of use: Regina, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Yorkton, Swift Current, Saskatoon, MOOSEJAW and back to Regina for final use.

CONSERVE COAL / SAVE / ONE TON IN FIVE. We also give what we believe to be a full and complete list of the "CONSERVE COAL" Slogan to date. It will be noted that it differs considerably from any other list published. If any errors or omissions are found we would be very glad to have them brought to our attention. Calgary Sept.-Nov. 43. Coleman Oct. 43. Halifax April-June 44. Hamilton 43, 44. London 43, 44, 45. Ottawa 43, 44. Regina Sept. 43. Saskatoon 43, 44. St. John 44, 45. Vancouver 43, 44. Victoria 43, 44. Toronto from August 26th. '43 until the middle of November this slogan was used in two machines at Toronto, no difference in Slogan but some difference in type of Town Mark, in 44, 45 one machine only. Winnipeg Aug. 26—Oct. '43.

The Bi-lingual type was used at Montreal intermittently from Sept. '43 to date. Quebec from February 1944 until June 19th. this year with Blackout and since that time with Townmark.

Sarnia, Galt, Kitchener and London can be added to the "STAMP OUT V.D." list; also Thetford Mines and Trois Rivieres to the Bi-lingual type.

Re-use of very old slogans is noted from many smaller towns, for instance, Timmins used "WRITE OFTEN / AND KEEP / THE FAMILY / TOGETHER" in April and "-PLACE- / RETURN ADDRESS / ON ALL MAIL" in May but we are not menting all these until we can give a series complete.

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Cobden, Ont., Sept., 1945.

We hear that H. Jacobi, Jr., of Hamilton, Ont., and R. A. Jamieson, of Almonte, Ont., attended the Bluss Philatelic Literature sale in New York and came home with additions to their collections.

DO NOT SEND STAMPS

Once again we ask you not to send stamps in remittances, particularly the now inconvenient 3c stamp, or high denominations. Use Canadian scrip stamps. Better still send money orders and thus provide yourself with a receipt stub. We've no objection to a few commemorative stamps, but of common post far more has been coming in than we can use.

FLOATING POST OFFICES

By Walter Purkis

I recently received a metered cover from U.S.A. commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the "WORLDS ONLY FLOATING POST OFFICE". Nice cover—BUT—the claim is wrong.

In British Columbia we have at least one "FLOATING POST OFFICE" of a type unlikely to exist elsewhere.

A store and Post Office building erected on a raft of large cedar trees wired together has been located in Simoon Sound, about 160 miles north of Vancouver since about 1910.

It is a regular village center for a prosperous logging district; besides the Post Office and store there are a wharf, restaurant, lodging house and several residences all floating and constructed the same way.

Moving day for any house or for the whole village is quite a simple matter, all that is necessary is to hire a tug and be towed intact to the new location.

There are many communities of this type in B.C. as there are no roads whatever and very few level places on the mountainous coast for thousands of miles; but that now known as Simoon Sound is the only one I know of to have a regular Post and M.O. Office.

The buildings originally towed to Simoon Sound served the same purpose in several other locations previously; the Post Office taking its name from the sheltered Inlet in which it is located, the name previous to Simoon Sound was Broughton Island.

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Golden Anniversary of Great Lakes Postal Service

By Wilsdon and Watmough

Every spring, the ports on the Great Lakes break into great activity as the "lakers" are prepared for the opening of navigation season. These ore carriers, which are really self-propelled barges, are always ugly and ungainly to the eye of one accustomed to sleek ocean craft but to a resident of Ontario, they are the epitome of beauty and interest.

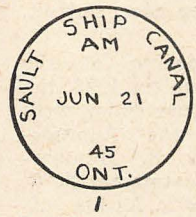
For seven months, the oreboats ply a monotonous route, exchanging bituminous coal from Lake Erie ports for iron ore from Minnesota and Ontario or Prairie wheat. Although loading and unloading is a matter of a few hours, thanks to gravity and machinery, the ships are not fast and the voyage consumes days.

Much longer time is required by the smaller ships which jerk their nervous way through the canals from Lake Erie to the great inland ocean port of Montreal. Transiting canals is a slow business. Even our very modern 25 mile long Welland Ship Canal consumes 8 hours of the ship's time.

It can easily be understood what difficulties a member of the crew would have in posting or receiving mail. Intermediate stops of his ship are few and are usually made when he is too busy to take care of his mail or it is at some unearthly hour when the local post offices are closed.

To improve communication to his traditionally innumerable correspondents, the good old P.O.D. in 1895 opened the "Sault Ship Canal Post Office" at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

This office has been in continual operation for 50 years, giving 24 hour service, 7 days a week to all Canadian ships passing through the canal built to avoid the rapids of the St. Mary River which joins Lake Superior with Lake Huron. At the present time, there is a staff of 6



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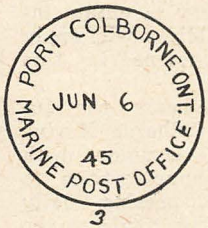

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and the postmaster, Mr. Leo McCourt will apply his postmark (1) to stamped, addressed covers sent to his office provided, postage of 4c is affixed.

Coming down the Lakes, the voyaging philatelist will find his next unusual mail box in the Detroit River on what he first though was an orinary inquisitive tug. In reality, it is a floating post office prepared to give complete postal service and it comes alongside each passing freighter in much the same manner as a calf whale nears its mother at mealtime.

As one can imagine, this calls for expert seamanship especially at night or during fog. There is a constant parade of freighters going up and down the river and to be sure that none is missed, the crew of the C. E. Mook must lead a nerve shattering existence. Surely this boat would seem a good source of material for Wayne County asylums for any but those of the stroutest nerve.

This U.S. service, too, is celebrating its 50th anniversary and as part of the celebration, the mailomat in the Detroit main Post Office has a

special slogan depicting its aquatic protege. Perhaps your Detroit or Windsor friends will obtain it for you.

If you are interested in a cancelation from the boat itself (2) affix U.S. postage to a cover and forward it to the Detroit River Sta., Detroit, Mich.

With the grand opening of the new Welland Ship Canal in 1932, the mail troubles of the poor sailor were considered again. In the Administration Bldg. at Lock 8, Humberstone, Ont. presides Postmaster E. C. Little with his staff of 3. As his office is just an hour's drive from this typewriter, it was easy to obtain information which doubtless will apply to all post offices concerned in this article.

Mr. Little's office bears the intriguing title "Port Colborne Marine Post Office" and in common with the others, gives 24 hour sertvice to the 20 or 30 ships passing daily through the canal. This totals to the sizable number of 7,000 ships each season which means plenty of mail.

The Master or purser brings the outgoing mail to the post office and receives the mail for the ship and crew. The incoming mail is always ready for the steamship agents and the canal's private telephone exchange provide in advance the name of the ship and the arrival time.

During the days of the old Welland Canal, the lockmen posted letters for the crew but there was no provision for delivering mail to the ship.

To obtain the postmark (3) you'll find all the necessary information in the illustration.

The last call for mail is at the "Cornwall Marine Post Office" in Cornwall, Ont. This office is the most recent, having been established on April 24th, 1939 and the postmaster is Mr. J. D. Munroe. A staff of 3 gives postal service to ships using the canals skirting the rapids of the St. Lawrence River between Brockville and Montreal.

(For the postmark (4) just use your imagination.

The Canadian and U.S. P.O.D.'s have done a bang-up job which, strangely enough, will be news to almost all stamp collectors. Fifty years is a long time to keep the light hidden under a basket and with our philatelic curiosity finally satisfied about marine post offices, we can draw but one conclusion—Sailors must be most prolific letter writers to warrant such service.

The covers can be written-up in your album in a very interesting and informative manner. As you have noted, three of the four post offices are on canals. Mount one cover to a page under the heading of "Sault Ship Canal", "Welland Ship Canal" or "St. Lawrence Ship Canal". Information, maps and photographs are available in back numbers of geographic magazines which when inserted on the album page, will show you that current postmarks can be as exciting as any of the expensive classics.

LETTER TO EDITOR

.. Montreal, July 21, '45

Dear Mr. Edtor:

It is high time to cease the bickering which my article on the Half Cent Maple Leaves stamp has unwittingly and so fruitlessly brought about. The swift, welcome and entirely unsolicited support afforded me by those well-known experts, Mr. B. K. Denton and Mr. Winthrop Boggs, confirms my belief that time will prove that the statements made and the terminology employed in my article will be unassailed by experienced and well-informed philateists. This support, and equally cordial appreciation verbally expressed to me by other prominent collectors, leads me to hope that further notes concerning recent explorations in fields of Canadian philately too long neglected, may possibly be of some service to your readers. In any case this is my final word in the present discussion.

Mr. Pollock, my opponent in this matter, wields a graceful pen. I would much rather have him with me than against me!

Yours all out for philately,

Alfred Whitehead

"EASY MARKS"

(A Catalogue Review)

by Bill Stamp

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"The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine."

We are, friends and fellow follyists in the field if fiscals, beginning to Get Somewhere in our plea for a perfect revenue catalogue! There has, this joyous **jour** July, come to Ole Bill's gnarled mitts the new, revised, 1945 edition of the Marks Stamp Company's **Standard Canadian Revenue Catalogue**.

Gone from these pages—huzza!—are a motley crew of non-existent varieties for which generations of misguided reveneurotics have been vainly seeking. You will not find perpetuated in these pages the myths of the $2 Weights stamps with blue and purple controls, the 10c yellow-and-black Alberta 1st Issue Law, nor that monster dredged from the land of unreason: the 2c brown War Tax "imperf left, top, right; roulette at bottom"! Gone, gone, are the old familiar faces . . . for which a hearty yell of approval, mingled with a sigh of relief!

The Marks catalogue is a simplified one, wherefore Ole Bill's designation of it as the "Easy Marks." It does not pretend to go into the minute and painstaking sub-varieties listed by and for super-specialists by C.R.S. Shades and perforation varieties are dismissed with an airy wave of the hand, though in deference to specialists footnotes acknowledge the added premiums frequently accruing to such items.

Deserving of special note are several innovations.

First, the revolutionary new pricing system. Common items are valued in normal type-face. Recognized sub-varieties which change hands infrequently, if ever, are valued in bold-face type to designate that this is the last known price at which the variety changed hands. Extreme rarities are either valued in italics (when information is available as to approximate worth), or are merely noted and left unvalued, when insufficient information as to true value is available.

The section on British Columbia laws has been completely rewritten, and appears embellished with large, clear illustrations of the points of difference between issues of this oft-confusing—and oft-confused! — series. In conformance with its policy of noting only basic varieties, the welter of "dropped, lopsided, and missed" periods has been eliminated from the Upper and Lower Canada Law Stamps listings. New issues have been illustrated and catalogued, and a complete rewriting of the Telegraph and Telephone Franks section clarifies values on these items. Interesting, too, is a tentative notation (without values) on Telegraph Covers, currently finding much favor with collectors.

Of particular interest is a lengthy section devoted to Canadian Revenue Proofs and Essays, compiled for the 1945 edition by that stormy petrel of the C.R.S., Nelson Bond, in collaboration with Clarence Brazer of the Essay-Proof Society.

So much by way of commendation for a good job. Ole Bill would not be himself, however, if he did not point the finger at a few spots. He feels compelled, therefore, to bring to the attention of the publishers that some inconsistencies and errors still exist in their catalogue.

A sample of such inconsistencies is the notation of Quebec "Beaver" Registrations, wherein the dollars values are separately listed as "vermilion" and "orange" shades, while in the parallel 1871 Ontario Law issues a footnote dismisses such shades as of relatively minor importance.

The footnote anent CPR Telegraph Franks at the bottom of Page 37 is inaccurate and misleading, since only T49 has a white tablet, and the footnote on CNR Franks, Page 39, is quite wrong. The COMPLIMENTARY scroll did not disappear from these franks until 1933.

Frankly, though, Ole Bill feels a little bit silly when he has to scratch for **minutae** like this to justify his reputation as a carping critic. So, until he has had time to study the

book more carefully, he'll ask only two more questions. Can the Marks Company **prove** the existence of the long-doubted #s G1 and G9? And when, oh, when, is some enterprising cataloguist going to yank the First and Second Bill Stamp Issues out of the "Federal" section and place them, with the Law Stamps of the same period, into a new section designated as "Upper and Lower Canada"?

Ending on a sombre note . . . Ole Bill understands that the editing of this 1945 catalogue represents the philatelic swan song of Ken Burke. K.W.B., he hears, has turned his back on the crusty loafers of stampdom to earn his dough in the crusty loaves of the bakery business.

Of course, once a philatelist,al always a sucker. Ole Bill suspects and predicts that some day, somehow, Ken Burke will be back in the fold—if not behind the counter, perhaps in front of it. But if the rumor be true, and he is leaving, all Ole Bill can say is, "**Ave atque vale**, Ken! You've left your Marks behind you . . . and a swell, revised catalogue that will be your nosegay of forget-me-nots."

FREDERICK T. NORRIS

Frederick T. Norris, 86, pioneer lumberman, died at his home in Bay City, Mich., July 15, 1945.

Mr. Norris was born in Glens Falls, N.Y., Aug. 19, 1857, and went to Michigan at the age of 23 years to enter the employ of his great-uncle, Alexander Folsom, owner of the Folsom-Arnold Lumber Co. He learned the business at first hand, working in lumber camps as surveyor, and the loading dock scaler, and then in the office. When Mr. Folsom died, the business became the property of Mr. Norris at the age of 29.

A stamp collector for upward of 75 years, Mr. Norris was reputed to have one of the outstanding philatelic collections of the country. When King George and Queen Elizabeth visited Canada a few years ago, a collection of Canadian stamps was presented to them including several from Mr. Norris's collection. He sought only perfectly centered, perfectly printed, "minted" or unused specimens. He held an honoary membership in the oldest stamp clubs of the country, which has headquarters in Cleveland, O.

Mr. Norris also had a collection of personal signatures recognized as one of the finest in the U.S., including a complete collection of Canadian postmasters-general from the first, "Benjamin Franklin," to the present holder of the post. He also kept a collection of original drawings from which stamp patterns were made, and had a choice collection of books, including many valuable first editions.

He was a Thirty-second degree Mason, a director of the former First National Bank, and a member of various Detroit clubs and stamp collectors' organizations.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Gordon Peck, the former Miss Elizabeth Norris, of Glens Falls, and F. T. Norris, Jr., of Saginaw.—"Stamps", N.Y.

We of PS. received encouraging letters from Mr. Norris early after venturing into the field, and know that he had travelled Canada considerably and owned a valuable Canada collection.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Having gone somewhat whacky in my declining years, I have decided to add Prince Edward Island to my philatelic interests.

Since my present accumulation of the stamps of this province consist of one proof and one essay, I am wide open to offers of anything, including postal issues, revenues, proofs, essays, covers . . . or what have you?

I have a tremendous stock of trading material. I'd like to use some of this in starting my P.E.I. collection . . . so if you need Canadian stamps, revenues, postal stationery, or anything else, and can offer P.E.I. in exchange, drop me a line.

Let's not kid each other though, please! I'm a bit dumb, but not altogether stupid. I know as well as you do that P.E.I. stuff isn't preferred stock in the philatelic market . . . so if you have been planning on sending anything at full catalog, save your postage. I'm not seeking bargains or cheap junk, but I do want a fair trade or a proper return for cold cash.

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By A. K. GRIMMER

This Canadian issue has always been popular with collectors who are interested in Canadian stamps.

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The two Cent value offers three variations that are visible to the eye and relatively easy for any collector to find. This value shows a varying number of steps in front of the monument, and may be named low, medium and high steps variety.

Quite a few commenced a collection of Plate numbered Blocks; it was soon found that this was no easy objective, in fact, there are still several positions that so far as this writer knows, have never been found and these are respectfully termed the "IMPOSSIBLES" to those who have persisted in their quest. Even though isolated copies of this group have been found it will be of interest to record the values and plate numbers so referred to: they are as follows:—

1 Cent Value—Plate Nos. 1—3, 1—4, 2—3 and 2—4

3 Cent Value—Plate Nos. 5—1 and 5—3.

In addition to this group, there are other plate numbers which are much scarcer than average but a detailed list of these would be too extensive for this article, whose purpose is to place on record a summary of opinion collected as to the value placed upon both known and unknown plate numbered blocks of this issue.

To obtain such an opinion, circular letters were sent to some forty odd collectors who were known to have a more or less advanced collection. They were requested to fill in their opinion of the individual value of each position. Less than twenty (20) collectors complied and co-operated to an extent that their opinion could be utilized. Even among these the effect of personel interest was somewhat apparent, and introduced "erratics" which had to be disregarded in order to secure a reasonable average.

For instance one hopeful estimated the value of the 3c Pl. No. 5—1 (which so far as is known, is still on everybody's want list), at One Dolar and Seventy-Five Cents while on the other hand there are bids out for this at $25.00 and up. It would, therefore, be misleading to use such a figure in deducing an average price. Again we find a collector who has been fortunate in securing several copies of a position in his Post Office, while others less fortunate, have had to pay a heavy premium. Here too an erratic occurs which has to be allowed for.

The result of this survey is not submitted with the intention of establishing what might be considered a catalogue value but rather to present what appears to be an average cross section of opinion of value.

The writer feels that there are quite a few of the positions which due to their scarcity are worth more than the average deduced and by the same token others which appear high when the quantity available is considered.

In the following tabulation the values shown have been adjusted to the nearest five cents on values under One Dollar.

No doubt eyebrows will be raised at the prices shown for the "IMPOSSIBLES" but their scarcity places them in a class by themselves, and apparently, collectors do exist who would pay this to secure an item which to date is unknown or at best only one or two copies known to exist.

The question may also arise as to the value of a complete pane of four positions. From experience in acquiring this it is believed that complete panes are worth at least 25% more than the sum of the individual positions, for even so a collector would

AVERAGE OPINION OF THE VALUE OF PLATE NUMBERED BLOCKS OF THE ROYAL VISIT CANADIAN ISSUE

	ONE CENT				TWO CENT				THREE CENT			
	UL.	UR.	LL.	LR.	UL.	UR.	LL.	LR.	UL.	UR.	LL.	LR.
1-1	60	45	50	55	30	30	30	30	80	80	85	80
1-2	45	40	40	40	30	30	30	30	50	50	50	50
1-3	20.00	17.00	16.50	20.00					1.25	1.20	1.00	90
1-4	17.00	19.00	16.50	21.50					.50	45	45	45
2-1	40	40	40	40	30	30	30	30	70	80	80	80
2-2	40	40	55	40	30	30	30	30	45	45	45	45
2-3	20.50	21.50	21.50	21.50					75	80	75	85
2-4	21.50	21.50	16.50	16.50					45	50	50	45
3-1	40	40	40	40	35	35	35	35	1.00	1.10	1.05	90
3-2	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	50	50	50	50
3-3	95	60	60	80					1.25	1.15	1.00	1.55
3-4	80	50	50	55					50	50	45	50
4-1	40	40	40	40					75	75	55	75
4-2	40	40	40	40					50	50	50	50
4-3	80	50	50	75					90	90	90	1.25
4-4	70	50	55	50					65	80	60	75
5-1	50	45	60	60					40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
5-2	55	60	55	65					1.05	85	95	1.00
5-3									35.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
5-4									1.15	1.10	1.15	1.50

NOTE:—In deducing the average values from opinions secured, those which in the compiler's opinion were erratic were omitted. Thus 10c and 15c values on 1-cent blocks are not included, and individually high items in all values were left out also, as they only represented one opinion or experience. All opinion of value of the "Impossibles" which were less than $5.00 were likewise omitted.

probably save the increase in postage and advertising for his wanted position.

Without doubt there will be disagreement with these averaged values, and therefore, want to be definitely on record that I would not pay the prices shown for some of the items while on others I am now offering a substantial premium for positions I need. Therefore, Friends, please remember that these prices are just an average deduced from replies that were sent in minus quotes considered erratic.

So good Plate Block Hunting to you all. Take a look over your duplcates and see if you can find some of the good ones to gloat over.

B.C.P.S. NOTES

The British Columbia Philatelic Society of Vancouver, now in the 26th year of its existence, affiliated with the C.P.S. in April this year.

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Vancouver Art Gallery, 1145 West Georgia Street.

There are approximately 50 members and the annual election of officers is held at the last meeting in March.

The following are the officers for the current year:—Pres., Captain B. C. Binks; Vice Prs., C. S. Neville; Sec. Treas., C. Frank Park; Programme Chairman, John G. Wylie; Auditor, C. W. Grantham. Committee, W. C. Gordon, J.G. Wylie, A. C. Scrivener, Dr. T. R. R. Hoggan.

Among the high lights of the Society's past activities this year were the display of Captain Bink's justly famous collection of Canadian Stamps, Dr. Hoggan's Malta collection and Mr. W. C. Gordon's stampless Canadian covers.

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108—3c	Brown	.30
109—3c	Carmine	.30
114—7c	Red Brown	.85
115—8c	Blue	.95
117—10c	Blue	1.00
141—1c	Confederation	.25
138—3c	Imperf.	1.50
143—3c	Confederation	.40
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149—1c	Orange,	.20
151—3c	Carmine	1.00
163—1c	Green	.25
168—4c	Bistre	.40
171—8c	Blue	.70
191—3c	Surcharge	.25
193—5c	Conference	.55
198—4c	Medalion	2.00
202—5c	Postal Union	.65
204—5c	Royal William	.70
208—3c	Cartier	.45
209—10c	Loyalist	1.50
210—2c	New Brunswick	.40
211—1c	Princess	.15
212—2c	Duke of York	.20
213—3c	King & Queen	.25
214—5c	Edward VIII	.85
215—10c	Windsor Castle	.75
246—1c	Two Princesses	.15
252—4c	Grain Elevator	.75
262—3c	Red, strip of 4	.30
C1—5c	Air	.60
C2—5c	Air	2.25
C3—6c	Surcharge	.75
C4—6c	Conference	1.35
E9—10c	Surcharge Spec. D.	1.00
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151—9c	Publicity	5.50
188—4c	Violet, Wales	3.00
189—4c	Rose	.35
217—7c	Gilbert	9.00
218—8c	Gilbert	6.50
219—9c	Gilbert	6.50
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226—229	Jubilee complete	3.60
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734—Kosciusko		.60
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738—Mothers Day, Flat		.30
739—Wisconsin		.30
740—749—Parks, compl. blox		4.50
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773—San Diego		.25
774—Boulder Dam		.25
775—Michigan		.25
776—Texas		.25
777—Rhode Island		.25
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783—Oregon		.25
784—Anthony		.20
785-94—Army & Navy se blox.		2.10
795—N. W. Ordinance		.30
796—Virginia Dare		.40
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799—Hawaii		.25
800—Alaska		.25
801—Porto Rico		.25
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838—Iowa		.40
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853—New York		.25
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855—Baseball		.25
856—Panama Canal		.35
857—Printing Press		.25
858—Anniv. Statehood		.25
897—Wyoming		.35
896—Idaho		.35
903—Vermont		.30
906—China		.60
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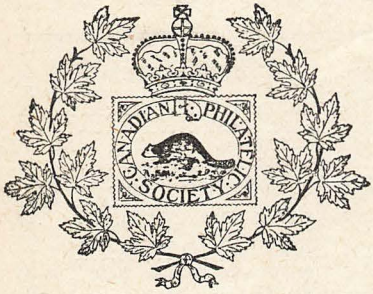

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the return of peace, let us all give thanks! Our fighting men will soon return and we must do our little share in making them feel that the Peace was worth fighting for. The many clubs throughout the Dominion have members who will eventually return to their old philatelic stands, so let us assist them as much as possible to catch up with lost time. The Society officially welcomes home all present and former members. We are pleased to be of any assistance to you, at any time.

The Directors wish to announce two competitions for all members, and also to those members of affiliated clubs of the Society, to open on Sept. 15th, 1945. The first competition is for the **"BRISLEY" TROPHY.** The "Brisley" Trophy will be awarded to the person who has been judged as sending in the best paper (article) on the **"CANADA 1912 GEORGE V TYPES."** This series of stamps runs from 1912 to 1922. There is a wide scope for study here and we fully expect that many members will take the plunge and send in their articles (typewritten) to the president not later than January 31, 1946.

The second competition also should attract many entries from near and far. Handsome cash philatelic vouchers will be awarded to the first three persons judged as sending in the best article on **"AN UNUSAL OR NOVEL SUGGESTION FOR A PHILATELIC SIDELINE."** Now come on, you fellows, and get busy! Please bear in mind that both competitions close on January 31, 1946. Your entries must be typewritten and sent in to the president.

The official "Grand Opening Night" takes place at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on Friday, Sept. 28. We expect to see many members out to this meeting. Bring along your prospective members and don't stand me up. In our October write-up we hope to publish a list of affiliated club meeting notices for the benefit of all members and their friends.

CYRIL WOODHEAD, Pres.

The following members were inadverdaitly left off membership list and we wish to convey apology.

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Beginning Sept. 1st all books in the membership list which are so marked with an asterisk (*) will come under the 25 cent a week rental, limit of 1 month each. It is hoped n ths way to cover the mounting cost of your library, as regards postage and purchases. These books are well worth the small rental charged and the one month limit will enable the many members who are wanting these books, to be able to receive them sooner. Hoping all members will co-operate. Thanking you. The Librarian.

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CANADIAN TOPICS

BY PHIL ATTS.

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This column was last written the latter part of June so that quite a chunk of water has passed on to the sea since then. All wars are now off and it will be interesting to see how the stamp market survives the reconversion. Gibbons catalogue may be a good listing of Canadian material but the prices only reflect conditions in Great Britain and have little relation to prices on this side. Good Canadian material is scarce here and in U.S.A. New York dealers have little or nothing to show a Canadian specialist.

My gentle suggestions directed toward the Canadian Philatelic Society brought one surprising letter from a prominent U.S.A. collector. He says that size means nothing to any philatelic society. Service to members is the essential point and the only criterion by which to judge the worth of any organization. As to a "Year Book" I can do no better than commend the one got out by the "Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies". Many features of this excellent publication might well be lifted by the C.P.S. If you have never seen one it would be well worth your while to beg or borrow one for a look-see.

Re phoney booklet panes. This brought some excellent and enlightening mail. One might also think there were no phonies at all. It is quite true that the Victorias and Edwards can be told from sheet stamps by experts by millimetric measurements. My warning was not directed at the experts but to the poor, innocent guys who might be inclined to believe anything they see in print. It is always the sucker fringe that suffers from the fakes—both booklet panes and otherwise. Skullduggery will extend if it has not already done so to other overvalued panes—such as the Two Cent green pane of six, 1922. Of this there are two distinct varieties—wet and dry printing. One type can be easily faked from the sheet stamps. . . . . if the tab (or as the new Scott catalogue calls it "the label") is missing. In passing I might say that I just saw two very fine used Edward and Victoria panes, both properly dated. And also that our own Ed. Goodale had an excellent showing at the "Stampex" show at Newark exemplifying the differences between the sheet stamps found in our rare booklets.

The William R. Ricketts literature sale held by Paul Bluss of New York on August 18th and 20th should be of interest to Canadian collectors. This scribe managed to attend it and came away more convinced than ever that stamp literature is no longer a comer but has definitely arrived. Several rare Canadian pieces were offered. I haven't the space in this column to go into prices. Suffice to say that all the good ones came to Canada. The de luxe edition of Howes brought $61.00 Third edition of Jarrett fetched $32.00, while the (now) R.P.S.L. handbook (1889) on B.N.A. sold for $29.00 In this writer's opinion the scarcest thing sold was the bound volume of Hechler's "Philatelic Courier" of Halifax (1881-89) which was a bargain at $18.50. Of immediate interest was a bound volume of "The Jubilee Philatelist" of Smith's Falls knocked down at $10.00. The editor of this collector's item issued circa 1900 was Roy T. Graham, ex-M.P. of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, who has just now (August 25th) been appointed Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons and who is expected to succeed Dr. Arthur Beauchesne in the near future.

To cap the wealth of stamp literature offered by genial Paul Bluss I spent a very entrancing evening with George T. Turner, who has probably the largest private collection of U.S.A. literature. He is by no means short either on Canadian items. At the moment George was working on a paper for the "Philatelic Congress". If my memory serves me right he said that at one period in the 'Nineties there were no less than ninety-two stamp magazines current in U.S.A. in one year. I did not check to see, but I'll bet he has them all. Of especial interst to me were a set of catalogues issued by the early Saint John, N.B. dealers in the Eighteen Sixties. Not many of them around I'll bet.

Also had a talk with Daniel Vooys, editor of "Philatelic Literature Review" who is still in a U.S.A. uniform. He was very interested in the Bluss sale. Ho hum, guess I'll have to quite before Mac the Editor gives me the red pencil.

The Pulaski Philatelic Society, of Detroit, is holding an exhibition and bourse on November 10th and 11th. For this reason The Ford Employees Stamp Club Second Annual Banquet has been changed from November 10th to November 17th.

FLAG COMMENT INVITED

All subscription copies to our Flag Cancellation booklet were mailed in August. Further copies are going out as orders come in. There are only a very few of the fabricoid bound at $1.00 but believe we have sufficient of the 30c copies to fill all immediate orders. Already we have received letters of comment on the booklet, as well as some earlier datings on a few of the flags. This we desire, particularly datings for post offices which were not in hand at time of printing.

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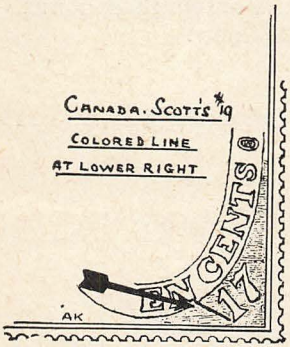
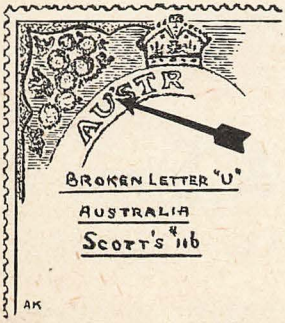
Sketch #145—Canada Scotts #144, the Sir Wilfred Laurier 5c of 1927 with variety dot in numeral "5" at right. Submitted by Roy L. Cooke.



Sketch #142—Canada Scotts #19, the 17c blue of 1859 with variety of a colored line from N of seventeen to numerals "17" at right. Sent us by Vincent G. Greene.



Sketch #135—Australia Scotts #116, the 2d red showing the broken letter "U" in "Australia". Sent us by Syd Northern.

A NEW ERA

This issue of PS. reaches you in a new era. Last issue Canada and her Allies were still at war, Concentrating for major assault on the last stronghold of Fascism — Japan, though signs were that the end was fast approaching. Then August 14th that country surrendered, though at the time of this writing signing of surrender terms are yet a few days distant. That should be completed by the time this is being read.

War is over, though isolated or guerilla conflict may yet give our forces trouble here and there.

A new era, too, has arrived in solving use of atomic energy for bombing purposes, as no doubt the first use of the new and devastating bomb against Japan hastened their decision to surrender. A new era, too, may be anticipated when science discovers means of harnessing atomic energy for peace-time service—though that may be years distant, as yet.

To philatelists, peacetime will mean new fields and conditions, following the restrictions of wartime. There will be certain re-adjustments for us as well as for others, and it will be interesting to note their development.

Mr. A. K. Grimmer, of Temiskaming, Que., dropped in on us one day last month for a ten-minute chat when he and Mrs. Grimmer were returning home from Montreal way.

Sissons No. 24 B.N.A. List of Special offers has reached us and is 36 pages of a comprehensive listing.

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REVENEWS

BY BILL STAMP.

Many, many months ago—so long ago, in fact, that Ole Bill is ashamed to look a calendar in the face—your far-from-humble scribe promised you that an answer would be forth-coming on the blue-vs-purple controls controversy.

Now, at last, we have our answer. Through the kind offices of a CRS member who prefers to remain unnamed, and the generosity of a professional chemist, we have an authoritative analysis of these disputed inks.

The answer routs those unfortunately or deliberately colorblind gentry who have gone on record as stating that the inks were indentical, and that the differences between blue and purple coloration were mere differences in hue, caused by light or heavy inking. Our chemist reports quite definitely that the **blue** controls are an analine dye, whereas the **purple** controls are printed of an iron-base dye, probably either tannate or gallate of iron.

It having been clearly established, then, that there **are** both blue and purple control numbers on certain Canadian revenue stamps, we are left with only the problem of proving which stamps are known with both colors, which with blue only, and which with purple only.

Unfortunately, several generations of careless reporting have confused our catalogues with a heritage of erroneously recorded control varieties. So we must weed out a few non-existent phonies if collectors are to know what does, and what does not, exist.

Ole Bill's carefully indexed records show the following "types" which have, at one or anohter time, and in one or another place, been recorded . . . but which research has failed to authenticate. All listed are, therefore, to be doubted until definite proof is offered of their existence. Repeating in words of one syllable for the mentally deficient . . . **Can you show one of these stamps to Ole Bill?**

With Blue Control

Electric Light Inspection, Series 1897: 60c vermilion, 25c carmine Gas Inspection, Series 1897: $4.00 blue Weights and Measures Inspection, Series 1897: $2.00 black Supreme Court Law, Series 1897: $1 blue, $5 black Supreme Court Law, Series 1915: 50c blue, perf or roulette.

With Purple Control

Weights and Measures Inspection, Series 1897: $2.00 black Supreme Court Law, Series 1915: 10c blue, perf or roulette; 50c blue, roulette.

It is Ole Bill's belief that of all the above, the only one which stands a chance of being re-discovered is the Gas Inspection $4.00 stamp. Revenue collectors are urged to take a look in their albums right now . . . this minute! . . . and report any of the above they may have, or think they have.

Since the last appearance of this erratic column, a batch of new Excise Tax stamps have been issued. For the benefit of those who don't "git around much", the following items are available through official channels at face value (plus, of course, the usual postage, etc.):

14c on 7c brown King George V
1/2c on 3/20c red, 3-Leaf
1/2c on 3/16c red, 3-Leaf
1/2c on 9/40c red, 3-Leaf
1/2c on 3/8c red, 3-Leaf
20c red, 3-Leaf
70c blue, 3-Leaf.

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Ole Bill doesn't want to start leading with his chin . . . yet! But he's beginning to wonder about the so-called "First" and "Second" Printings of the Saskatchewan Law Stamps. Can any-one in the house offer any indication, proof, or evidence that there was more than **one** printing of these multi-colored monstrosities?

Let's just overlook, for the moment, the fact that all existent catalogues are cockeyed in their nomenclature of the various "background" colors used. What Ole Bill wants to know is . . . what evidence of two printings **is** there beside the utterly ridiculous nonsense about the mil-

limetric differences in measurement between CENTS or DOLLARS and the bottom frame?

Are there any official statements or statistics on these? If so, who can provide 'em? What specialist in the issue (or issues) will write Ole Bill, pointing out a way by which two separate printings can be differentiated?

This is a feeler. If nothing comes of it, we'll get out the T.N.T. and go blasting chums!

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As you've probably heard by now, the "Wave of the Future" along revenues lines tends toward Canadian revenue proofs and essays. There's a boom market on, with the lads and lassies scrambling all over themselves to grab a fistful of the too-long-neglected pre-stamp varieties.

Ole Bill, cooperating with the Essay-Proof Society, which will start publishing an exhaustive checklist of these in its next Journal, will be glad to hear from owners of any revenue proofs and / or essays not found in the Marks Second Edition, which will have made its appearance before this column hits print.

Don't hang back, pliz! There's no sense in owning rarities if you hide 'em from the world. Which reminds Bill of the results of the CRS search for the names of all owners of the $2 "Inverted Head" Bill Stamp rarity. Believe it or not, three owners absolutely refused to permit their names to be noted! Ain't that disgustin'? If these secretive gentlemen will communicate with Ole Bill privately, he will be glad to award each of them a fur-lined bushel to hide their lights under!

Au 'voir, kiddies!

ACCEPTED STAMP AS PASS

Mr. A. K. Grimmer, of Temiskaming, Que., sent us the following some weeks ago:

Some times we hear non-philateists maintain that stamp collecting is a foolish and useless hobby.

Here is a story to refute this. My nephew is an officer in the U.S. Navy and has a special and important assignment in China. His duties took him on a three months trip to the interior where the incedent occured which he discribes as follows.

"This one will amuse you. We were stopped at the gate of a small village by the guard. I did not have my interpreter with me at the time so could not understand what the trouble was as the guard would not let us pass. Finally an officer came along and he seemed to take the same attitude. After very much talking which niether of us understood, I pulled out a 16c Canadian Air Mail stamp that I had cut from a cover you sent me on one of your letters along with part of the envelope with my name and address and showed it to him at the same time claiming it was my pass to—(the place we were going). He looked it over very carefully and handed it back and said it was alright to go on. The other American that was with me and I had a very hard time to keep from laughing until we got beyond earshot. A thing like that could only happen in China."

It is a pretty good yarn, says Mr. Grimmer, and I quite believe it is true for I take particular care to make his cover interesting as he is a Philatelist."

The Combined Edition

For the second year we have combined the July and August numbers into one holiday issue. Having watched the trend each summer for the last few years we feel disposed to proclaim this a regular midsummer practice each year. Our business is 100 per cent by mail or 99 7-8 per cent.

Each year the volume of mail begins to slacken in June. Tenor of a great percentage of mail during July and August shows effects of the hot weather. In fact many complain about it, talk of vacation, or write listlessly as they no doubt feel during such weather. This is common with dealers in about the same percentage as among readers, thus we conclude dealers welcome respite from preparing ad copy for at least one hot weather month. And without sufficient ads our magazine loses considerable reader interest as well as revenue to us. And speaking of us, the hot weather is wearing here, too, and a respite is welcome. But as mail picks up with September and collector interest shows growing pains we respond occordingly and look forward to the busy season which develops each Fall and Winter.

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It is with sincere regret that the Society records the death on August 2nd of its Honorary President, Col. John Young Reid, aged 74, for over half a century an ardent and active collector. Col. Reid's collection of Great Britain, intact at the time of his death, was regarded as one of the finest in this country, and contained, among other prize items, a series of used blocks of four of nearly every plate of the 1d rose red of 1864.

The Executive of the Society have been busily engaged all summer planning the activities of the new season, and numerous events will be staged in the months to come, so all members not confined to bed are seriously urged to attend and enjoy them.

Applications for membership accepted during the summer are as follows:

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